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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1617
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002 (Paper No. 6), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including August 26, 2002, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection, in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 8-27 are currently pending in the present application.

In Paper No. 6, the Examiner rejects claims 8-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over PCT Publication No. WO96/16991 of Wachter, *et al.*, (hereinafter referred to as "Wachter"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,547,988 of Yu, *et al.*, (hereinafter referred to as "Yu"), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,690,924 of Keil, *et al.*, (hereinafter